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SUBJECT: UNIDO - PERMANENT COMMITTEE, TENTH SESSION,
- AGENDA ITEM 4, UNIDO/UNCTAD COOPERATION

REF : VIENNA 3571, PARA 4

1. AT GROUP B MEETING APRIL 26, UK PERMREP, READING FROM
"PRELIMINARY GUIDANCE", SAID UK HAS CONSIDERABLE DOUBTS
ABOUT PROPOSAL FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF JOINT UNIDO/UNCTAD
EXPERT GROUP. PROPOSAL APPEARS TO REST ON ASSUMPTION THAT
INTERGOVERNMENTAL FRAMEWORK AGREEMENTS ARE A GOOD THING
AND UK DOES NOT REPEAT NOT THINK THE CASE IS PROVED BY THE
ARGUMENTATION IN THE DOCUMENTS. IN ADDITION, UK CONSIDERS
THE DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPOSED EXPERTS TO BE AMBIGUOUS,
I.E., APPOINTED IN PERSONAL CAPACITY BUT "HIGH LEVEL" AND
"FAMILIAR WITH GOVERNMENT POLICY" (WILL THEY OR WON'T THEY
BE GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS?) AND BELIEVES THAT UNIDO SHOULD
AVOID INVOLVEMENT IN TRADE POLICY MATTERS. UK THINKS IT
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WILL BE DIFFICULT TO KILL PROPOSAL "STONE DEAD", BUT
THINKS THAT SECRETARIATS MIGHT BE INVITED TO SUBMIT IM-
PROVED ANALYSIS BEFORE A DECISION IS TAKEN OR, IF THAT
FAILS, THAT EFFORTS MIGHT BE MADE TO AMEND TERMS OF REF-
ERENCE.

2. U.S. AND FRG PERMREPS INDICATED THAT THEY PERSONALLY

SHARED UK CONCERNS ABOUT ARGUMENTATION IN DOCUMENTS, BUT
HAD NO INSTRUCTIONS YET.

3. FINLAND SAID ITS MISSION IN GENEVA HAD REPORTED THAT:
(A) THE UNCTAD MANUFACTURERS MEETING HAS BEEN POSTPONED
FROM MAY/JUNE TO NOVEMBER; (B) TDB WILL DEAL WITH QUESTION
AT ITS AUGUST/SEPTEMBER SESSION; (C) GENERAL FEELING IN
GENEVA IS THAT EXPERT GROUP WILL BE CREATED; (D) USG,
WHICH HAD BEEN MOST CRITICAL, NOW SEEMS DISPOSED TO GO
ALONG; (E) THERE IS SOME RELUCTANCE TO GIVE EXECUTIVE
HEADS OF UNIDO AND UNCTAD A FREE HAND IN SELECTING EX-
PERTS.

4. COMMENT: UK'S PRELIMINARY POSITION IS GENERALLY CON-
SISTENT WITH MISSION RECOMMENDATION IN PARA 4(F) OF REF-
TEL. WE DO NOT, HOWEVER, SEE HOW IT COULD BE ARGUED
THAT EXPERT GROUP SHOULD NOT DEAL WITH TRADE ISSUES,
SINCE GROUP WOULD BE A JOINT CREATION AND UNCTAD CLEARLY
HAS RESPONSIBILITIES IN THE TRADE FIELD.

5. MISSION DOES NOT KNOW BASIS FOR FINNISH ASSESSMENT
THAT USG ATTITUDE HAS BECOME MORE FAVORABLE TOWARD EX-
PERT GROUP, BUT NOTES AGAIN IMPORTANCE OF HAVING CONSIS-
TENT POSITION IN VIENNA AND GENEVA. LEARY

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